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NEBRASKA WEEKLY WEATHER AND CROP REPORT

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WEATHER Temperatures for the week averaged from about 1 or 2 degrees below normal in the north to normal or 1 degree above in the south. The first half of the week was mild, the latter half was cold. Rain started over most of the State on Wednesday leaving only slight amounts to the east and north central; moisture continued intermittently as snow in the Panhandle and southwest, amounts in that area mostly 2 to 5 tenths of an inch.

November temperatures average from about 3 degrees above normal in the northeast to near normal in the southwest. Precipitation was near normal in the central and about 2 tenths of an inch below normal over remaining portions of the State.

CROPS Winter wheat and other fall seedings were further benefited in western counties getting rain and snow last week. The light snow cover in other parts provided some protection from low temperatures. However, the central and northern sections of the state are short of surface moisture. Winter crops, as well as pastures, need relief from the extended dry spell.

Much of the wheat crop has entered the dormant stage. However, some wheat fields in extreme eastern counties were still green and were being used for pasture. In the central counties and in some east central counties, mainly along the Platte river, winter wheat is poor to only fair in appearance. Stands are uneven and thin and growth has been retarded. The crop here needs a good snow cover to help protect it from exposure to winds and low temperatures.

A little harvesting of corn and milo is noted here and there. Some farmers are gleaning corn fields where the ear drop was heavy. Many corn and sorghum stalk fields are being pastured to recover fallen grain and utilize available roughage feed. Cattle have been making good gains on roughage and gleanings this fall. Recent low temperatures brought an increase in supplemental feeding.

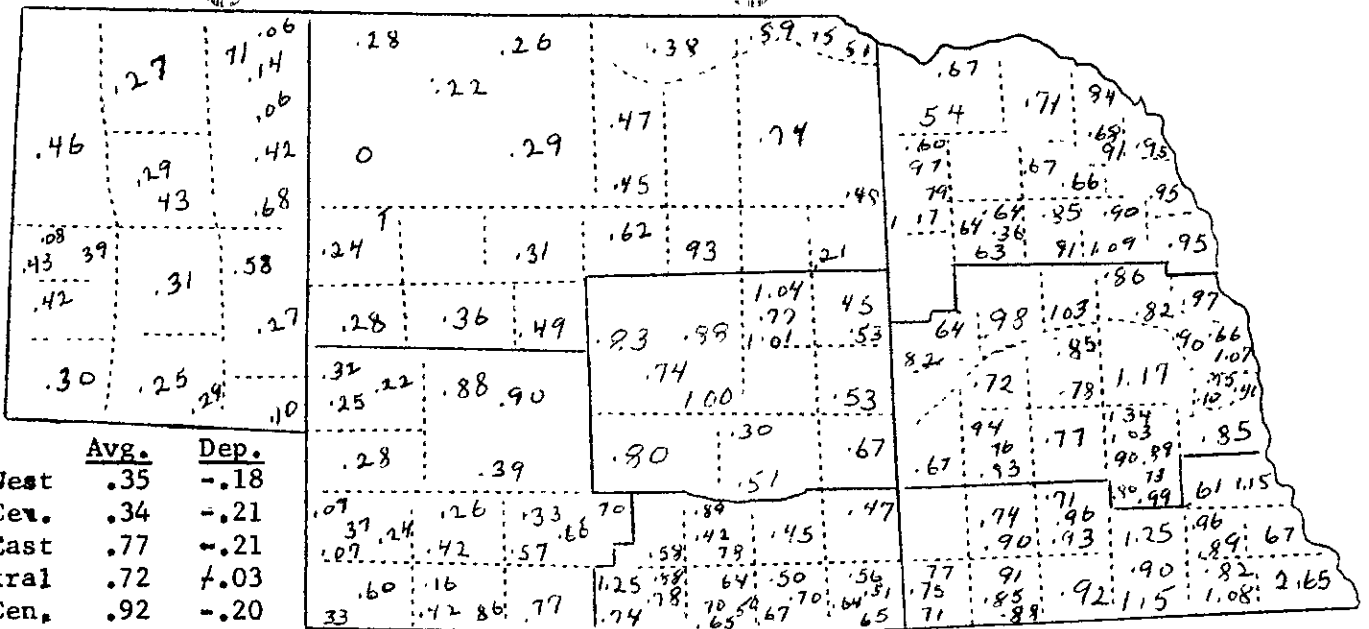
LIVESTOCK Shipments of stocker and feeder cattle into Nebraska continued at a record high level during November. The inmovement for cattle and calves during the month was 179,000 head, an increase of 49 percent from the 120,000 head received in November 1957. Receipts have set new high records in each of the last three months. The total cattle and calves shipped in during the July-November period this year is also a record high, reaching 540,000 head, 22 percent more than the 442,000 head received during the corresponding period last year.

Sheep and lamb arrivals during November fell 16 percent below a year ago with only 64,000 head received compared with 77,000 in November 1957. The heavier early movement in 1958 held the total for July-November to 497,000 head, about 2 percent above receipts in the same months in 1957. This year's 5-month total, however, is substantially below the average July-November inshipments of sheep and lambs.

WEATHER BUREAU TELEGRAPHIC REPORT OF PRECIPITATION FOR WEEK ENDING DECEMBER 8, 1958

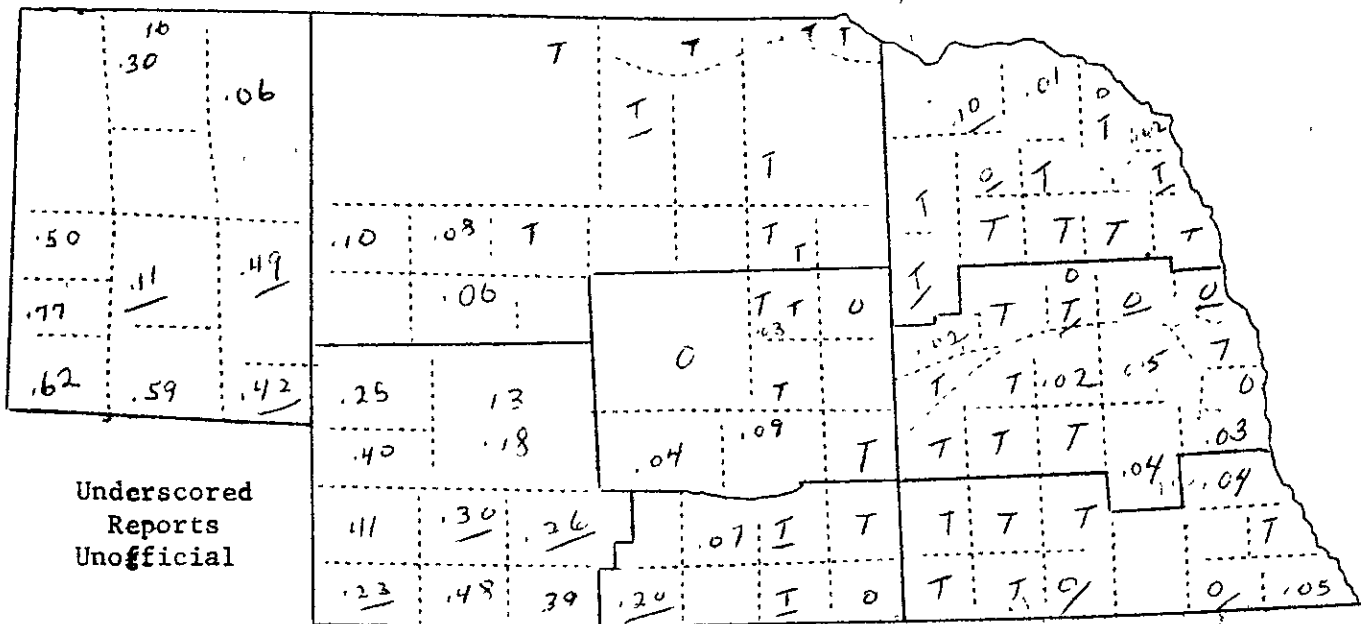
<u>East</u>		<u>Central</u>		<u>West</u>	
Grand Island	T	Burwell	T	Chadron	.18
Lincoln	.06	North Platte	.14	Imperial	.52
Norfolk	.04	Valentine	.04	Scottsbluff	.58
Omaha	.01			Sidney	.67
Sioux City	.18				

PRECIPITATION MAP FOR MONTH NOVEMBER 1958



	Avg.	Dep.
N. West	.35	-.18
N. Cen.	.34	-.21
N. East	.77	-.21
Central	.72	+.03
E. Cen.	.92	-.20
S. West	.44	-.15
S. Cen.	.67	-.19
S. East	.96	-.34

PRECIPITATION MAP FOR WEEK ENDING DECEMBER 8, 1958



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HIGHEST AND LOWEST TEMPERATURE (Highs for 24 hours ending at 12:30 a.m., and lows for 12 hours ending at 6:30 a.m. CST)

		December		2nd		3d		4th		5th		6th		7th		8th	
		Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min
NW	Chadron	61	30	56	30	69	32	39	12	16	0	17	10	14	-1		
	Scottsbluff	60	30	56	27	64	32	34	17	23	7	18	11	20	8		
	Sidney	56	25	55	28	67	32	41	18	23	5	21	9	29	9		
NC	Burwell	54	33	58	30	67	21	34	9	21	3	18	15	--	--		
	Valentine	60	33	59	26	64	28	38	14	17	-3	15	13	15	-2		
NE	Norfolk	44	26	60	33	60	31	49	12	20	4	16	14	25	5		
	Sioux City	36	22	60	26	52	30	44	13	18	4	16	12	24	3		
Cen	Grand Island	55	26	62	33	65	34	46	17	24	5	20	17	29	8		
EC	Lincoln	48	32	61	37	56	37	50	18	24	10	21	18	30	11		
	Omaha	36	26	55	29	52	30	47	11	21	5	18	15	25	6		
SW	Imperial	59	30	58	29	68	36	46	22	27	11	18	13	22	10		
	North Platte	59	30	60	29	64	36	45	21	23	1	14	6	20	7		

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